

Mrs. Magness Says She Would Pay \$10,000 to Keep Husband From Going to Jail, But She Will Keep Fortune in Her Name

nounced her meeting with her husband prompted the inquiry whether it was a case of love at first sight.

Thinks He's Fine. "Well, I just thought he was the finest thing that ever was," replied Mrs. Magness enthusiastically. "I don't know what attracted me. You never know, do you?"

It was just a year ago that Mrs. Magness met her husband. Being a finished musician, she never lost an opportunity to attend musical concerts. Last October she went to a social function of some kind at the Marine Barracks, and there she saw Magness, who was introduced to him—loved him, and, she says, he loved her. Little time was lost in ripening the acquaintance. Magness received an invitation to call at the Gorman home at 1511 Rhode Island avenue, and he accepted with alacrity. A day or two later, the Dolphin sailed away, and it was the same old story of a sailor boy leaving tender memories behind and a hope that the ship would speed on her return.

Early in November the Dolphin again returned to Washington and Magness called on Miss Gorman as soon as he could get liberty from the ship.

Learns of Ability.

It was then that Miss Gorman learned of the youngster's ability as a musician. He played the clarinet with feeling, and on his subsequent visits, he accompanied her while she played the piano, guitar, mandolin or violin.

Miss Gorman was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, and in order to stimulate interest in a Christmas fair, Magness, together with several other members of the Dolphin band, gave concerts. It was during this fair that the two were seen in public for the first time.

By this time Magness had become a regular visitor at the Gorman home. Whenever he could get shore leave, he hastened to call on Miss Gorman until she came to expect him two or three times a week.

On March 8 the Dolphin once more was ordered away from Washington, this time to the target grounds in Cuban waters, and the vessel did not return for several weeks. For the first time Magness began to grow restive at his confinement aboard ship, and this feeling became so strong that he made up his mind to quit the service.

Gets a Furlough.

Early in June he was granted a two weeks' furlough, and he hastened to Louisville, Ky., where Miss Gorman was attending a Sunday school convention. He returned to Washington with her. His leave expired June 23, but by this time Magness was having the time of his life. He went to Atlantic City, notified Miss Gorman of his whereabouts, and asked her to meet him there. Accompanied by her mother, her sister, and the members of the latter's family, Miss Gorman went to the seashore to meet Magness.

Nearly every hour of the day they

spent together, walking, riding or swimming. The musician's leave had now expired and he was on the rolls of the Navy Department as a deserter. Mrs. Magness says that he endeavored to get permission to get out of the service and came to Washington for that purpose, but his request was denied because he did not remain on board ship after returning from his furlough. He merely went on board, looked around for about an hour, and then went ashore again, boarded a train and joined Miss Gorman.

Having decided to give up forever his life as a member of the band on the Dolphin, Magness pressed his suit for Miss Gorman's hand.

He Follows Her.

When she went to Washington he followed her. She went to Baltimore one day, and he followed her there. On another occasion, he called upon her at the Gorman country home at Laurel, Md.

Early in August, Magness proposed, and was accepted.

"For various reasons," said Mrs. Magness, "I did not want to be married in Washington. It would mean a big wedding, and then, too, it might attract the attention of the officers who were looking for Charlie. If I went to our country home at Laurel, it would also mean a big wedding. So we decided to go down to Louisville. Charlie went on ahead, and picked out the flat, and I remained in Washington to do a lot of sewing. When I got there, we bought the furniture, and were married on September 5, by the Rev. Dr. Brynne, of the Broadway Christian Church."

Then Mrs. Magness told of the events which led up to the arrest of her husband. She came to Washington last Thursday to arrange some financial matters.

Family Not Angry.

"The papers have said that my people are angry because of the marriage. That is not true. They all knew of it and approved of it. I visited my mother at Laurel last Saturday. Sunday we went to Baltimore and visited Charlie's relatives. On Monday we saw my brother Arthur, and on Monday evening we returned to Washington and had dinner with my sister, Mrs. Ralph W. Hills, at 139 Nineteenth street.

"After that the trouble began," continued Mrs. Magness. "We arrived at Louisville at 11 o'clock the next night and went to a hotel to spend the night. We were pointed out to two detectives by the man who had pretended to be our friend and they followed us to the hotel. After we had been in our room some time they took Charlie away from me and locked him up in jail.

"It isn't true that I went to the jail to see him. It wasn't necessary. The jailer was awfully good and he allowed Charlie to come and see me twice a day at Mrs. Ralls' house, where I was being cared for. I remained there until 6 o'clock last night, when we all started for home. I do wish the public could learn the facts about the case, if the papers

will insist on printing something about us," said Mrs. Magness.

Didn't Go to Jail.

"It isn't true that Charlie had \$24,000 with him when he was arrested. The two of us only had about \$150 when we bought our tickets for Louisville, and by the time we paid the hotel bill, there wasn't much of that left. Of course, I have a bank account in Louisville, but I keep most of my money in a Washington bank.

"But don't think he didn't have any money of his own. Why, he bought lots of things with his own money, paid for groceries, milk, and ice, and other things. Of course, I paid for the furniture and fixed up the house to suit myself."

Would Pay \$10,000 for Him.

The subject of money matters prompted several questions. If the opportunity presented itself, would Mrs. Magness pay for the release of her husband from service in the navy?

"Yes, indeed," she answered quickly. "I'd pay \$10,000 if I could keep him out of prison."

Are you going to pay Miss Kappler anything to keep quiet about your husband's letters to her?

"Not a cent," was the emphatic reply. "If she should get judgment against him for breach of promise would you settle?"

"No."

"Have you placed all or any part of your money in your husband's name?" "No," answered Mrs. Magness, "and what's more, I don't intend to. We were talking one day about money, and about this girl, and I said that I wasn't as green as I looked, and I meant it. I'll keep possession of my money—all of it."

Mrs. Magness then explained that although she is independently rich, it had been the intention of her husband to go to work.

He Is Going to Work.

"It is true," she said, "that my father left me about \$100,000 in cash and the income from \$25,000. I never touch the principal, however, and do not intend to. Charlie was going to work, perhaps as a clerk or stenographer."

"What will you do if your husband is sent to prison for a long term?" Mrs. Magness was asked.

"Oh, I don't think he will be. I have hopes that they will let him out. If they should put him in jail, however, I will have plenty to occupy my mind. I will take his little sister back to Louisville with me and there await his release. And how glad I will be to have him back with me. No matter what the sentence may be, it will be a long time to wait. It is hard to be separated from him tonight.

"While he is away I will do many things. I will take up Sunday school work, for one thing. I always practice my music at least three hours a day, and I will take up considerable needlework. The most prized of my possessions is a beautiful piece of tapestry which I made myself. On it is a bust of my father, done in flesh tints. I succeeded in getting a remarkable

likeness and I think I can be pardoned for my pride in the work. Then, I have my horse down there and I can do plenty of driving; so, you see, my time will be well taken up."

Did Fight for Him.

When Mrs. Magness said that she would fight for her husband she meant what she said, for she fought for him before they were married.

"A morning paper in Washington," said Mrs. Magness, "had an interview with a woman who said she warned me not to marry Charlie. I dislike to speak of such things, but the fact is that I told and clothed that woman and her whole family for a long time. If she could not say anything good about us, it would have been good as to keep silent. Just before I was married, this same woman met me on the street and said some disagreeable things about Charlie. I said they were not true and warned her not to repeat them. She did repeat them so I struck her a blow in the face which knocked her to the ground. I would do the same to any one else who dared say my husband was a child."

The scene between the two was affecting. Standing in a little box-like room, with a kerosene lamp smoking, the old lady, clad in calico, the bride in an expensive traveling gown, the two fell into each other's arms and wept hysterically, while the other members of the family stood in sympathetic silence.

Mrs. Magness assured the humble little family that she would exert every influence at her command to get the boy out of trouble.

Talked of Family.

On her way back to Washington she talked about herself and the other members of her family. "Peep" say I am too old to be Charlie's wife. I don't believe it. He says he is twenty-five, and I believe him. I am only thirty-five. I have five sisters and every one of them married men younger than themselves."

Immediately after arriving in Washington Mrs. Magness joined her husband and remained with him until the detectives led him away.

Magness was terse and to the point when asked for his version of the difficulty which will probably land him behind the bars for a long term.

"I got tired of the service and quit," he said. "That girl in Baltimore is the cause of all the trouble. Sure, I used to call on her and I wrote her letters, but some of the stuff she is giving to the papers is faked."

As he sat in a chair beside his wife, who was patting his hand affectionately, the deserter looked like a prosperous young clubman. His clothing fitted him well and was evidently expensive. He frequently pulled a monogrammed gold watch out of a pocket of his fancy vest, and fingered it like a child with a new toy. In his gray silk tie he wore the diamond and pearl scarf pin referred to in one of his letters to Miss Kappler.

His nails were highly polished and he smoked cigarettes nervously.

Start Work for Release.

His wife promised him that she would start early this morning to get him released if possible. She will visit Secretary Metcalf and Assistant Secretary Newberry and plead his case, failing in which she may decide to ask President Roosevelt to intercede.

While Mrs. Magness was weeping on the Baltimore train over the predicament in which her husband found himself he was enjoying to the full the few hours of liberty remaining to him. He prevailed on the detectives who accompanied him from Louisville to stop over in Washington for a few hours. He first showed them the town in a taxicab, then took them to a theater for an hour or two, after which they went to a well-known cafe and enjoyed a sumptuous repast with all the fixins.

The detectives had planned to go on to Philadelphia on the midnight train, but later decided that Washington was such an enjoyable city that they missed the train and planned to go on the Philadelphia some time today.

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Died

PEPPER—On Thursday, October 22, 1908, at 4 p. m., CATHERINE ISABELLA PEPPER, mother of Mrs. George Johnson and Lewis D. Pepper.

FUNERAL SERVICES AT St. Patrick's Church, Md., on Friday, October 23, at 10 a. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

BUMPUS—On Friday, October 23, 1908, at his residence, 187 B street southeast, LORENZO D. BUMPUS, late lieutenant colonel, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

COAKLEY—On Saturday, October 24, 1908, at 5:30 a. m., MARY E., beloved wife of Thomas Coakley.

KILLMAN—On Friday, October 23, 1908, at 5 o'clock p. m., JOHN S. KILLMAN, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

KING—On Friday, October 23, 1908, at 8:40 a. m., JOHN E., beloved and only son of William E. and Nettie H. King, in his twelfth year.

MADIGAN—On Thursday, October 22, 1908, at 5:30 a. m., PATRICK, beloved husband of the late Honora Madigan (nee Sullivan).

NIEDOMANSKI—On Friday, October 23, 1908, at 5:30 a. m., at 312 Eye street southwest, Mrs. A. F. NIEDOMANSKI, widow of the late A. F. Nedomanski, aged eighty-two years and five days.

FUNERAL FROM ABOVE RESIDENCE, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

OURAND—On Friday, October 23, 1908, at 11:40 a. m., at the residence of her grandson, 24 Chestnut street, Takoma Park, D. C., MARGARET A. OURAND (nee Arthur).

STUART—Passed into life eternal on Saturday, October 24, 1908, at the residence of her son, F. G. Stuart, 114 F street southeast, Mrs. CAROLINE GIBBONS STUART.

WILLIAMS—On Saturday, October 24, 1908, at 12:30 p. m., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. David Parker, 314 New Jersey street, northwest, JOSEPHINE C. WILLIAMS, beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Bridget Flynn.

Mrs. Williams was thirty-five years old and had been in ill health since last May. She was born in this city and survived by three children, Jane, Wash D. Jr., and Marion. Two sisters, Mrs. David Parker, and Miss Nora Johnson, also survive. She was a member of St. Aloysius' Catholic Church.

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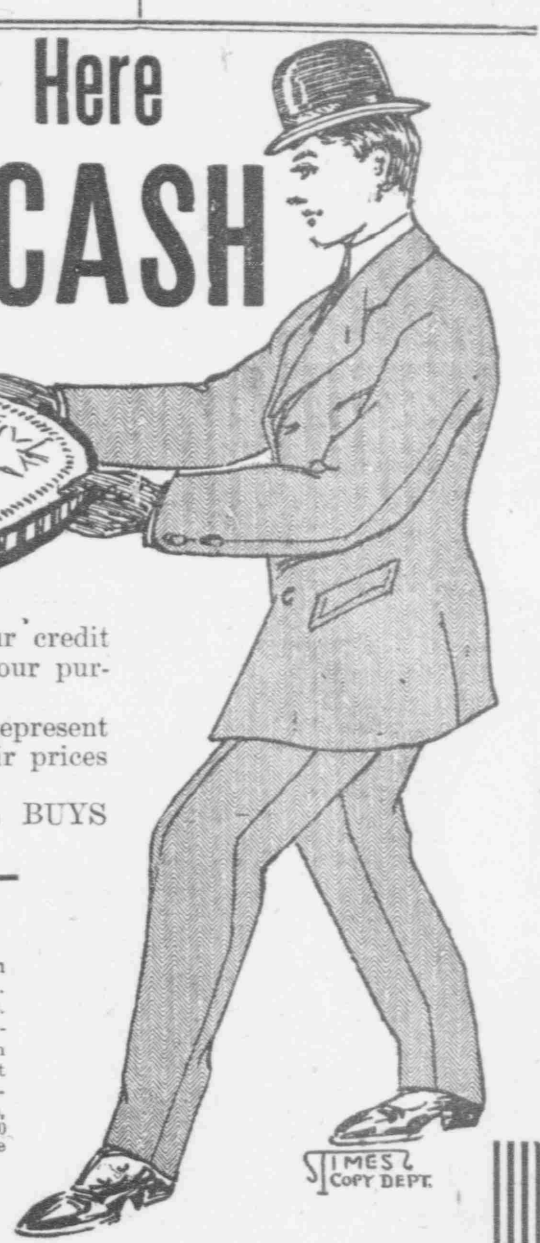
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